

Appendix 4 – Representations

1. From:

Sent: 02 August 2023 22:02

To: Licensing Team for Alcohol & Gambling <Licensing_Team@sandwell.gov.uk>

Subject: 19 William Road, Smethwick, B67 6LN

To whom it may concern,

I live at William Road and wish to make an objection regarding 19 William Road becoming an off licence and convenience store. My home is doors away from the said premises.

William Road is a cut through for a lot of the surrounding roads and this means that the traffic is unusually heavy on the road all the time. If the premises became a shop, this would just add to the traffic. The road is also used by a lot of school children from 4 or 5 local schools and any extra traffic would put them at more risk. I am also concerned about the premises being an off licence as this would attract a lot of young people who may decide to hang around drinking alcohol. Along the side of the shop is a cut through which leads to the back of the houses in that row and also onto the cemetery. This is already used by young people who want to hide out. I have witnessed youths who have committed crimes hide out around there and have been caught by the police. I feel that this would be abused and could lead to vandalism of properties and also of the cemetery. I worry that it will also encourage anti-social behaviour and possibly result in break ins and theft to sheds and houses. My daughter's bedroom is at the front of the house and any activity outside late at night would cause noise which would prevent her from sleeping. She is a nursery nurse and obviously needs a good night's sleep to be able to carry out her job safely, while looking after children and babies. I also would not welcome any behaviour that would make my daughter feel unsafe.

This would also cause a problem with littering. The slight incline of the road from the shop means that there is already a lot of rubbish that gets blown into neighbouring gardens. This would only increase with more footfall in the street from a shop.

Another concern I have is that my drive will be blocked by customers. I have paid the council to have my kerb dropped and have 2 cars on my drive. I work full time and would not be happy if I couldn't get to work because of inconsiderate parking. Also, I have elderly parents who live in the next street. My Father has a serious heart condition, diabetes and asbestosis. If I'm not able to get off my drive quickly in an emergency, it could be a matter of life or death for my family.

With all this mind, I would be grateful if the decision could be thought out while considering the neighbouring houses. A convenience store and off licence could lead to our lives becoming unbearable in a road that I have enjoyed living on for the last 18 years.

Kind regards,

William Road
Smethwick
West Midlands

2. From: >

Sent: 05 August 2023 18:17

To: Licensing Team for Alcohol & Gambling <Licensing_Team@sandwell.gov.uk>

Subject: Re: Objection letter attached for 19 William Road B67 6LN

OBJECTION LETTER FOR:

Williams off Licence & Convenience store 19 William Road, Smethwick, B67 6LN

18th July 2023

Trading standards & licensing adult social care, health & Sandwell council house

PO Box 2372

Oldbury

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Dear Sir/Madam

I am writing to register my objection to the premises licence application, Williams off Licence & Convenience store 19 William Road, Smethwick, B67 6LN

I object to the application on the following grounds:

- the prevention of crime and disorder
- the prevention of public nuisance
- the protection of children from harm
- public safety
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I have an interest in this application that is greater than the general public because I live two doors down from the premises location.

As a local resident on William Road I totally object to the premises on 19 William Road B67 6LN being granted a premises licence to allow the sales of alcohol & also the opening time of the premises potentially being up until 2300hrs.

To begin with any business that shall be open here should consider the location as it's in the middle of a residential area and to be open until 23:00 is too late and would cause a light and noise nuisance. Ideally a 08:00 -09:00 is more reasonable to open and closing time should be in my opinion a respectable 17-00-1800.

On William Road surrounding the address where the licence is being requested is a community of all ages ranging from young families like my own and my immediate neighbours and retired residents. If a licence is granted to the premises named above this would have a detrimental effect on immediate neighbours around the premises with the concern of increased level of anti social behaviour, groups of people hanging around and causing noise nuisance and to add alcohol would most likely increase the level of crime and vandalism to the local area and with the local authorities already being stretched this premises selling alcohol would not be beneficial in any form. Very recently we have had an increase on levels of crime and anti social behaviour which local residents have been working on so a shop here would not help the levels of crime and anti social behaviour being reduced it would have an adverse effect and increase levels to unsustainable levels.

Local People are long standing residents and cope comfortably with no shop being here and personally have not heard of anyone saying a shop is needed here. Since the notice of this application on the 13th July 2023 we have discussed concerns of a shop and especially selling alcohol as we are ok with a quieter environment and willing to go to the already available shops in the local area i.e. Tesco express located approximately a 5 minutes' walk. Mr Convenience selling alcohol

already running one street away on St Marks Road , B&G Liquor on Londonderry lane and Warley road junction, Bals newsagent on Norman road, Global wines on Abbey Road, Liquor bins on Bearwood Road if a responsible adult did require alcohol then it's already available as well as the Bearwood High street and supermarkets i.e. Asda and Aldi all within walking distance and more importantly in a much safer location.

The premise is also located very near to three schools, Bristnall Hall Academy, Annie Lennard & Uplands Manor. The local area has a very high number of students walking past and a alcohol selling premises in this location would not be suitable to protect the children from harm and the possibility of underage drinking and also having the thought of alcohol being available and visible at a young age must have a negative effect on life in general. I would urge the authorities to consider the impact that alcohol has on health and wellbeing and the long term effect it would have on individuals and the neighbourhood if a licence would be granted.

Also there is a bus stop directly outside the premises and being a small residential road rather than a main road a shop located here would have a great concern for the locals including children walking past to get to schools safely, as cars passing by would stop and park very near and cause extra congestion resulting lack of space and the risk of more incidents if a licence was granted so public safety should be considered very carefully before any licence being granted.

Best Regards:

My contact details are:

William Road
Smethwick

Email:

On 5 Aug 2023 18:14,
Please see attached.

> wrote: